

# **Anti - Doping Policy**

## **Policy Statement:**

- The TTRFU strongly opposes the use, possession and the supply of banned substances and practices by Trinidad and Tobago rugby players, coaches, medical and other team support personnel, administrators, officials and volunteers.
- These substances are consistent with those identified by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA).

## **Policy Objective:**

- This policy is to provide a consistent and effective response to the use of banned substances and practices in the sport of rugby in order to deter those who might engage in doping and to protect those players who are committed to principles of fair play and ethical behavior.
- This policy also serves to ensure that appropriate penalties are imposed on both players and other relevant stakeholders who violate anti-doping rules. It provides appropriate procedures for those accused of an offense, including provisions for the reinstatement of players sanctioned as a result of such infractions.

## **Responsibilities of the TTRFU**

- Play a positive role in raising awareness and understanding of doping and anti-doping amongst Trinidad and Tobago rugby players, coaches and other relevant administrative staff.
- Develop and manage effective doping control plans as part of the TTRFU program that is consistent with other anti-doping policies regionally and internationally.
- Educational initiatives geared toward informing the various stakeholders of the sport about the ethical concerns regarding the use of banned substances to enhance athletic performances.
- Ensure that players within the national community (TTRFU) that engage in the sport of rugby refrain from the use of these banned substances.